

House Resolution No. 2661

Whereas, James Edward Ross was born to James M. and Willie Davis Ross on January 12, 1937, in Palmer, Texas, and was living in the St. Louis area on May 3, 2003, when God took him home to the love and beauty of His everlasting light; and

Whereas, educated in the Palmer school system, James Ross moved to St. Louis in 1954 and graduated from high school in 1956, after which he pursued a career as a Rhythm and Blues recording artist; and

Whereas, known professionally as "Cat Man", James Ross recorded several CD's and albums and traveled to Jamaica, Spain, and Europe, where he had the opportunity to perform; and

Whereas, James Ross had also distinguished himself in the business world as a longtime employee of Huntleigh Transportation and Exit Express Limousines; and

Whereas, James Ross will be greatly missed by his grieving family whose members include his wife, Alean Ross; four daughters and one son-in-law, Diane Thomas of Fort Worth, Texas, Debbie Ross and Delois House of St. Louis, and LaMeka and Steven Dyson of Memphis, Tennessee; two sons, Jason Battles and Kialo Ross of St. Louis; four grandchildren and one granddaughter-in-law, Damien and Nikki Ross, James Ross, and Natilia Ross of St. Louis, and J.R. of Fort Worth, Texas; two brothers, Walter Brown and Alonzo Brown of St. Louis; three sisters, Julia Parham, Mary White, and Linda Whitehead of Dallas, Texas; seven sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; his special friends, Charles and Vanessa Hunt, "Shot", "Pokia", and Delissa Linwood; his special cousin, Mildred Celia "Little Red Bird" Blakeny; and a host of other family members and friends; and

Whereas, James Ross will be remembered as a person of unbounded vision who zealously supported many significant endeavors throughout his life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in paying final tribute to James Ross and in expressing to his family our deepest sympathy at this difficult time of tremendous personal loss; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late James Edward Ross.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2661, adopted May 8, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker